

1850

Pres Millard Fillmore ordered a
new stove for the White House
but he had to show the
White House Chef how to
use it.

1850 ± 10

Tuberculosis (consumption)
accounted for up to $\frac{1}{4}$ of
the deaths in London, N.Y., Paris

Sept 28, 1850

An act of Congress outlawed
flogging as a means of
punishment in the U. S. Navy.
This applied to merchant vessels
as well.

Jan 22, 1850

Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a compromise bill on slavery which included the admission of California into the Union as a free state.

1850+

1849-1852

250,000 emigrants come to California on the California Trail

1849-1852 - Peak years

looked like an army on the move.

I buried every 10 mi.
Trail went past Chimney Rock, Nebraska & then

branched to the South.

Left Independence, Mo.: To
Fort Kearney on River Platte
From Westport Landing, St. Joseph,
Council Bluff also.

Sweetwater River; crossed Great
Divide at South Pass; Fort Hall on Snake
Cali. Trail continued down Snake toward
California

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California Trail

1841-1848 2,735

1849 (gold rush) 25,000

1850 44,000

1851 1,000

(High mortality from Cholera,
in previous yr. Est. 30,000
died on the trail between 1841 - 1859)

10 graves per mile of Trail.

1850

on the Cal. Trail

Disease was the number one killer:
Scurvy, smallpox, tick-borne fever,
but mostly cholera

From the Beddoe's Census of 1850 cholera
killed at least 2,000 even before they
could reach Fort Folsom

Drownings took a heavy toll; Platte
River swallowed 37 that yr.

Sep. 9, 1850

The Territory of California
was admitted to the Union

Mar 16, 1850

"The Scarlet Letter," Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel about adultery, revenge and redemption in Puritan Massachusetts was first published

c 1850 ±

The sewing machine
was perfected.